



August 3, 2010

Thank you for attending the public information open house for BHF00-0052-02(020), P.I. No.122510, the proposed reconstruction of SR 15 Alternate (SR 15ALT)/SR 82 and Kissam Street as a one-way pair in the City of Jefferson, Jackson County, Georgia. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the nametags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here or send in written comments about the project until August 17, 2010. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental Administrator, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.ga.gov. Click on **Public Outreach** from the **Information Center** dropdown menu at the top right side of the page. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation District One Office located at 2505 Athens Highway SE, Gainesville, Georgia 30507 and also at the Area Six Office located at 450 Old Hull Road, Athens, Georgia 30601. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager Hiral Patel at (706) 601-1849 or Paul Alimia at (404) 631-1353 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bobby Hilliard".

Bobby Hilliard, P.E.
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Attachments

Project BHF00-0052-02(020), Jackson County

P.I. 122510

**The Proposed Reconstruction of SR 15ALT/SR 82 and Kissam Street
as a One-Way Pair in the City of Jefferson
Project Description**

The selected alternative would reconstruct SR 15ALT/SR 82, Kissam Street, and Storey Street as a one-way pair in the City of Jefferson, Jackson County, Georgia. The existing bridge over Curry Creek on the connector roadway between SR 15ALT/SR 82 and Kissam Street would be shifted approximately 60 feet, centerline to centerline, east of the existing bridge alignment. Kissam Street would be extended to the east with a new bridge constructed over Curry Creek. The new bridge would be approximately 105 feet long and 44 feet wide to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes with 10-foot shoulders. The northern terminus of Peach Hill Drive would be shifted approximately 370 feet to the north. The realigned section of Peach Hill Drive would require right-of-way varying between 80 feet and 95 feet in width. The intersection of SR 15ALT and SR 82 would be reconstructed from an existing Y-intersection to a perpendicular intersection with the realigned northern terminus of Peach Hill Drive. To the south, Peach Hill Drive terminates into a T-intersection with Peach Hill Circle approximately 20 feet to the east of the Peach Hill Circle intersection with SR 15ALT/SR 82. A cul-de-sac would be constructed at the southern terminus of Peach Hill Drive approximately 410 feet north of Peach Hill Circle and approximately 250 feet east of SR 15ALT/SR 82. The existing pavement from the realigned or closed portions of Peach Hill Drive would be removed.

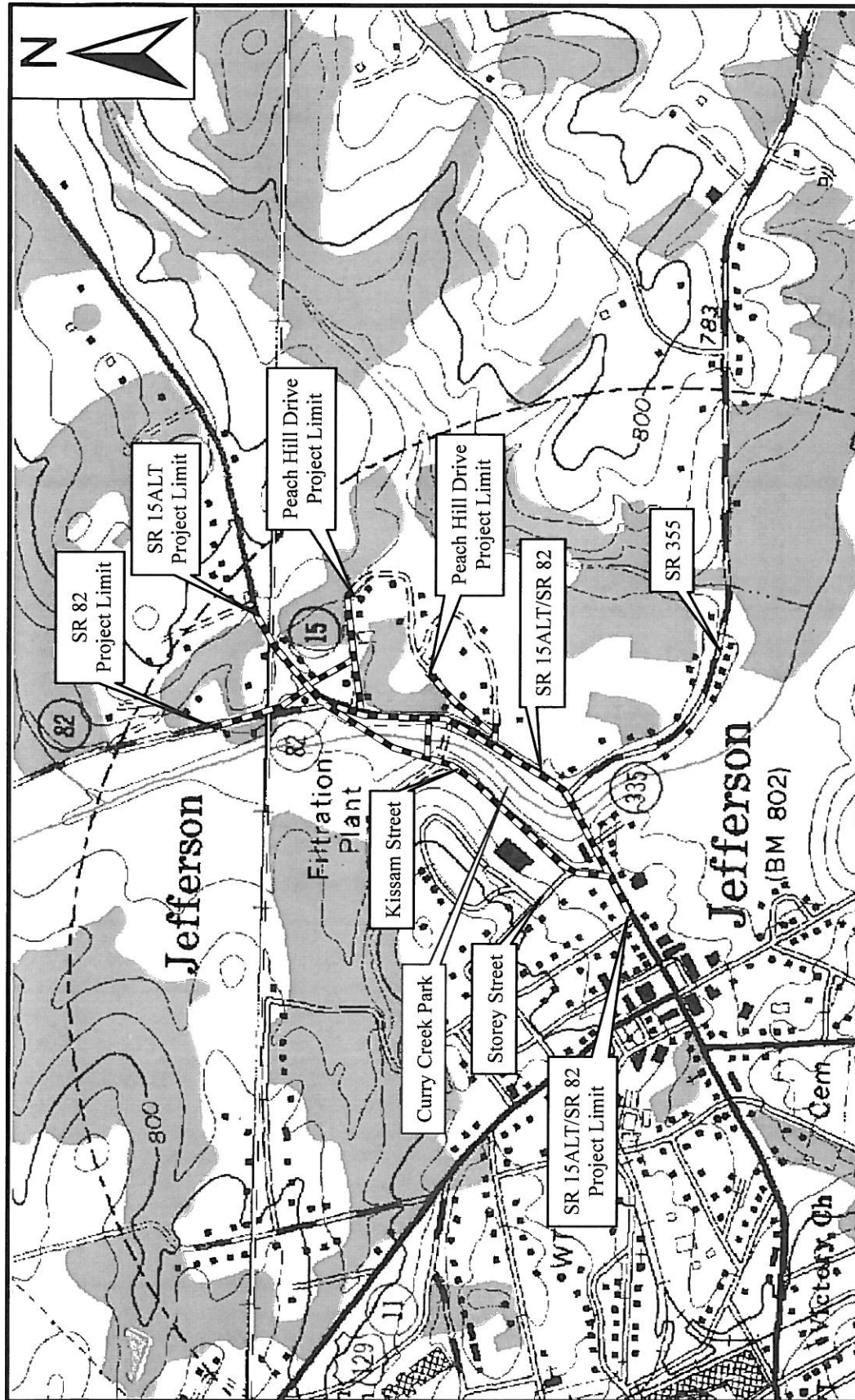
The proposed project would begin approximately 300 feet west of the Storey Street and SR 15ALT/SR 82 intersection and would end approximately 180 feet east of Hunter Street on SR 15ALT and approximately 550 feet east of SR 15ALT on SR 82. The proposed project would also extend approximately 915 feet east of the SR 15ALT/SR 82 intersection on Peach Hill Drive. The project length would be approximately 0.7 mile on the mainline roadway with a total project length of approximately 0.9 mile.

The selected alternative would require approximately 10.04 acres of right-of-way, approximately 5.67 acres of permanent easement, no temporary construction easement, and approximately 0.84 acres of driveway easement.

The design speed for the one-way pair would be 25 mph to 35 mph.

Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act of 1966 refers to the temporary and/or permanent use and/or constructive use of land from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or any historic site for transportation purposes. Curry Creek Park qualifies for protection as a Section 4(f) resource.

The proposed project is anticipated to require approximately 2.4 acres of right-of-way and 2.6 acres of easement from within the Curry Creek Park boundary. Construction activities within Curry Creek Park would include the extension of Kissam Street to the east with a new bridge over Curry Creek; replacement of the existing bridge on the connector roadway between SR 15ALT/SR 82 and Kissam Street with a longer, higher bridge; and reconstruction of the multi-use path to cross under the two new bridges. Seventeen mature trees would be impacted by the project. The right-of-way and easement acquisition would take place from areas that include the multi-use path used for recreational activities; however, the multi-use path would be reconstructed to cross under the proposed bridges. Access to the park would be maintained during construction. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requires that the public have the opportunity to review and comment on the impacts before *de minimis* requirements are satisfied. This Public Information Open House and the associated public comment period are considered the opportunity for public review and comment to fulfill the *de minimis* requirements. Dependent upon feedback as a result of this Public Information Open House, the City of Jefferson intends to concur that the proposed project would have only a *de minimis* (minimal) impact upon Curry Creek Park.



Project Location

SR 15ALT/SR 82 One-Way Pair
 GDOT Project BHF00-0052-02(020), Jackson County
 P.I. No. 122510

Source: Apple Valley and Jefferson, GA Quadangles
 USGS 7.5' Series (Topographic)



